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Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions on the role of science and technology in the context of international security in which, *inter alia*, it recognized that scientific and technological developments could have both civilian and military applications and that progress in science and technology for civilian applications needed to be maintained and encouraged,

Noting that considerable progress has been achieved in developing and applying the latest information technologies and means of telecommunication,

Affirming that it sees in this process the broadest positive opportunities for the further development of civilization, the expansion of opportunities for cooperation for the common good of all States, the enhancement of mankind's creative potential and the formation of a global information area for the international community,

Recalling in this connection the approaches and principles for creating such a community, which were outlined at the international Conference on the Information Society and Development, held in Midrand, South Africa, in 1996,

Taking note of the results of the Ministerial Conference on Terrorism held in Paris in July 1996, and of the recommendations it made,

Noting that the dissemination and use of information technologies and means affect the interests of the entire international community and their optimum inventory is possible only in the context of broad international cooperation,

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Expressing concern that these technologies and means may potentially be used for purposes that are inconsistent with the objectives of ensuring international security and stability,

Considering it necessary to prevent the emergence of information technologies and means whose applications can adversely affect the security of States,

Also considering it necessary to prevent the misuse or exploitation of information resources or technologies for criminal or terrorist purposes,

1. *Calls upon* the States Members of the United Nations to promote at multilateral levels the consideration of existing and potential threats in the field of information security;

2. *Invites* all Member States to inform the Secretary-General of their views and assessments concerning the following questions:

(a) General appreciation of the issues of information security;

(b) Definition of basic notions related to information security, including unauthorized interference with or misuse of information and telecommunications systems and information resources;

(c) Advisability of developing international legal regimes to provide security of global information and telecommunications systems and to combat terrorism and criminality in the field of information;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session;

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session an item entitled "Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security".